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SUBJECT: EAST-WEST STUDY FOLLOW-UP

REF: USNATO 7587

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES ENTIRELY WITH VIEWS IN PARAS 8 AND 9
REFTEL, AND BELIEVES IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT ANY
REVIEW OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY CONSIDER THE STUDY AS AN
INTEGRATED WHOLE.

2. THE EAST-WEST STUDY SHOULD CONTINUE TO SERVE AS
CONSTANT AND TIMELY REFERENCE POINT FOR ONGOING
ALLIANCE ACTIVITIES. WHILE WE SEE NO NEED TO INSIST THAT
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THE ALLIES REVIEW THE STUDY AT RIGIDLY-SET PERIODS,
WE DO BELIEVE THE STUDY SHOULD BE REVIEWED AS NECESSARY
TO INSURE THAT THE STUDY REMAINS ACCURATE AND UP-TO-DATE.

3. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT ALLIED MINISTERS AND PERMREPS
MIGHT ROUTINELY REFER TO THE STUDY IN THEIR MEETINGS WHEN
THEY DISCUSS EAST-WEST RELATIONS. AT A MINIMUM, WE

FORESEE A THOROUGH EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON EAST-WEST RELATIONS
AT THE DECEMBER MINISTERIAL; AS PART OF THAT EXCHANGE,
WE BELIEVE THE MINISTERS SHOULD FOCUS ON THE EAST-WEST
STUDY ITSELF, SUGGEST AREAS OF THE STUDY THAT MIGHT NEED
REVIEW, AND DETERMINE WHETHER TO TASK THE NAC IN REGULAR
SESSION WITH UPDATING THE STUDY IN TIME FOR DISCUSSION
AT THE SPRING 1979 MINISTERIAL IN THE HAGUE.

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